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(as amended)

Pursuant to paragraph 67 of the Cartagena Commitment, the Trade and Development Board (TDB) adopts the following guidelines for its meetings in executive session (hereafter referred to as "executive sessions of the Board").

1. The executive sessions of the Board will facilitate the strengthening of the policy function of the TDB in adapting the organization's work to changing worldwide economic circumstances, reviewing work programmes and priorities, promoting greater efficiency and reacting to reports from its subsidiary bodies in order to give impetus to ongoing work.

2. The executive sessions will be convened at the level of Permanent Representatives at regular intervals, and at any time the President of the Board, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and with the member States, deems it necessary, in half-day or one day sessions. One of these sessions shall take place immediately before each part of the regular sessions of the TDB. The agenda for each executive session of the Board will be agreed upon sufficiently in advance to ensure adequate preparation. Each executive session of the Board should be preceded by an appropriate consultative process.

3. The executive sessions of the Board may provide guidance to its subsidiary bodies and take action on the outcomes of the meetings of these bodies; take action on procedural and organizational matters; and provide timely preparation of the issues to be considered by the regular sessions of the TDB.